### GERMANY BIDS FOR GRANT US FOOD AND AMERICAN CAPITAL HALT REDS, IS PLEA

Finance Minister Offers Exemption From Property and 10 Per Cent. Taxes.

NATION IS NOT BANKRUPT "You may think this is propagands,

But Dr. Schiffer Says Old Obligations Must Precede War Indemnity.

By the Associated Press. Burnin, March 27 (delayed).—Germany is not bankrupt, because it has many is not bankrupt, because it has
the possibility of work, Dr. Schiffer,
terman Minister of Finance, told the
correspondent to-day in discussing the
financial situation. "But," he continued,
"she will become bankrupt, so far as it is
possible to say at present, whenever the
possibility of working is taken away.

"The financial outlook simply disappears into nothingness in case of an
unfavorable peace that does not give us

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Dr. Schiffer repeated the German plaint that delay in making peace in-creases the danger of Bolshevism, but expressed optimism for the future if Germany is able to obtain food and raw materials. The Minister said that special inducements in the form of lighter taxation or immunity from certain taxes would be offered to foreign, especially American, capital.

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"In any event," he said, "no American or other foreigner not a resident of Germany will be subject to property taxes. Similarly Germans resident abroad will be free from property tax. Americans and other foreigners will be immune from the 10 per cent. tax, which it is planned to impose upon investment capital."

Problems Facing Country. The Finance Minister pointed out that American investment was especially favorable under the present rate of ex-

After remarking that the new German After remarking that the new German taxation system must await the peace treaty, the Finance Minister said that Germany was faced with the payment, first, of its before the war debts and credits granted by neutrals; second, with internal war debts—loans in support of war sufferers and so forth—and, third, the indemnity it may have to pay. Until the amount of the indemnity was established definitely, there could be no taxation legislation beyond general outlines.

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Will Reach New Sources.

The Minister said he wanted to warn the public that taxation would be extended to a degree hitherto unknown in Germany and in a frankly anti-plutoricatic way. He said that income property would be taxed heavily both for the purpose of raising money and for the conomic effect on prices because the Minister believes that prices will fall as the purchasing power of the mark decreases.

The salary of President Ebert, which has been the subject of discussion in the press recently, is officially announced to-day to be \$25,000 monthly, with no perquisites or expense allowances. The salary must pay the cost of running the Presidential office and the salaries of the personnel. President Ebert must render a strict account of his expenditures and return any unused balance.

The railroads of Germany have been separated from the already overloaded Ministry of Public Works and the control of them has been made an individual Ministry. Herr Hoff, formerly Prussian Minister of Public Works, has been appointed Minister of Railways in the national Government. He will go to Welmar at once to undertake preliminary measures for unifying the president of the pressure of the pressure of the pressure of the public works and the control of them has been made an individual Ministry. Herr Hoff, formerly prussian Minister of Public Works, has been appointed Minister of Railways in the national Government. He will go to Welmar at once to undertake preliminary measures for unifying the president of the public works and the conditions." the national Government. He will go to Weimar at once to undertake preliminary measures for unifying the TROTRA HEADS GERMAN NAVY. various State railways into one centra

HAPSBURGS TO LOSE RIGHTS.

Private Property of Former Emperor to Be. Untouched.

IENNA, via Copenhagen, March 28.-The Government has introduced in Par-blament a bill dealing with the former reigning house of Austria-Hungary, in which the abolition of the rights and privileges of the house of Hapsburg-Lothringen in perpetuity is decreased, with the banishment of all members of this house, as well as of the house of Bourbon-Parma (the family of former Empress Zita).

The German-Austrian republic is proclaimed the owner of the real and personal estate of the former Imperial house, the net proceeds of which may used for the benefit of citizens whose health was impaired through the war or of familles which have been deprived of their breadwinners.

The private property of ex-Emperor Charles and the members of the Im-

perial household is to remain untouched.

125,000 BELGIANS DEPORTED. Indemnity of \$180,000,000 Asked

REUSSELS, March 28.—Six thousand Belgian civilians died during the war as the result of German ill treatment, according to an official report made in the Chamber of Deputies Thursday during a debate on the reparation due civilian victims of the war. Seven thousand children were made orphans and 125,090 men were deported from Belgium by the Germans.

The indemnity which can be claimed from Germans by Belgium on this account is estimated at \$180,000,000. The Minister of Economic Affairs declared that all damages will be fully indemnified by the Germans.

Finiand Grateful to America.

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conditions of existence and give them a chance and an incentive to live, and the German people will be a wall against Bolshevism

but go out among the working people and see things for yourself."

"Marshal Foch," I remarked, "says Bolshevism is a disease only of the defeated and that there is no danger

"He knows France better than I do," replied the Minister of Defence. "It would be absurd for me to say what will happen in France, but it cannot be disputed that the spirit of commu-nism is getting beyond the minds merely of the defeated. An idea does not halt

of the defeated. An idea does not nate at national frontiers."

Minister Noske added that his party always had contended for reconciliation on the west as best for the Germans and best for the wosld, but a strong tide had set in and turned their faces continued. eastward.

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"It is said that the militaristic spirit still is strong in Germany," I suggested "That is propaganda, but, from the other side," replied the Minister. "Militarism among the German people is dead; it is so dead that it is well nigh impossible to get any kind of a military organization together even for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order. If you knew the troubles we had to collect even the small force that we had

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"Knowing what militarism brought them to, feeling it every minute of every day, the German people are the strongest anti-militarists in the world to-day. This sentiment is so strong that even the sight of military uniforms is objectionable to thousands, and I am being importuned constantly to remove them, but that is not possible."

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Asked about the future army of Germany Minister Noske said:

"We are so poor that so long as I remain Minister not a penny shall be paid for the maintenance of soldiers except those that are imperatively necessary."

"It has been said also that the mon-archy is dying hard." I suggested.

Germany Done With Monarchs.

For the first time in an hour's talk Minister Noske's grave face softened in a smile and he laughed heartily.
"Ach du lieber Gott!" he ejaculated, and added:
"That shows either that you are ill informed by reserved to the sentiment of

informed in regard to the sentiment of our people or it is merely propaganda against us, although we alone are al-ways held up as the makers of propa-

Admiralty Chief to Have Seat is the Cabinet.

Copenhagen, March 28.—Rear Admiral Adolf von Trotha has been appointed chief of the German Admiralty, a Berlin despatch says. The German Government has decided that the navy in the future shall be under the direction of the Chief of the Admiralty, who will have a seat, but no vote, in the Cabinet. All naval and administrative authorities will be subordinate to him.

Before the war Rear Admiral Adolf von Trotha, then a Captain, was one of the naval adjutants to the Emperor and commanded the battleship Kaiser.

THREE BRITISH PEERS **OUSTED AS ENEMIES** 

Dukes of Albany and Cumberland and Viscount Taafe.

London, March 28.—The Duke of Albany and the Duke of Cumberland and Viscount Taafe, who adhered to the enemy during the war, have been de-prived of their British peerages by a King's order in council.

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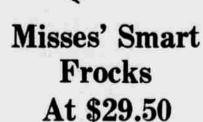
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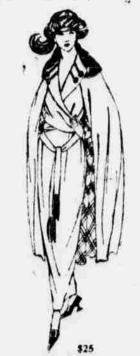
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